

Remarks

Applicants reviewed the Office Communication of January 10, 2005, alleging that Applicants' reply filed December 17, 2004, was not fully responsive (but still appears to be bona fide) to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004.


Applicants request entry of the above stated election of invention with traverse. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the twelve-way restriction requirement and rejoin the claims of Groups I-XII for reasons set forth in the response of December 17, 2004, which is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

In the event the Examiner wishes to contact the undersigned regarding any matter, please call (collect if necessary) the telephone number listed below.

Applicants further affirm their right to file one or more divisional applications with respect to any of the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants believe there are no fees due for this response. However, if the Examiner deems that fees are due, please charge these fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1982 for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. Bridgewater, NJ. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Respectfully submitted,



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